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STATISTICS OF DEPOSITS AND CASH BALANCES IN JOINT STOCK BANKS; DEPOSITS IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS; INVESTMENTS IN GOVERNMENT AND INDIA STOCKS; AND BANK NOTE CIRCULATION IN IRELAND, DECEMBER, 1889; AND WEEKLY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS OF IRISH RAILWAYS FOR THE YEARS 1888-9.

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&c., &c., &c.,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the following Tables and remarks relative to Banking, and to investments in Government and India Stocks upon which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, together with information concerning the weekly traffic receipts of the Irish Railways for the years 1888-9, and an abstract of the principal railway statistics of Ireland for the ten years 1879-88. The Tables on these subjects are in continuation of those previously issued by this Department.

The information comprised in the tables relating to Banking and Investment Statistics consists of the total of the deposits and cash balances in the Joint Stock Banks of Ireland on the 31st of December, 1889, and

on the corresponding date in each preceding year since the year 1871 inclusive, compiled from confidential returns kindly furnished by the authorities of the various banks; the balance of deposits remaining in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks on the 31st of December of each year since the year 1871 inclusive, derived from official sources; together with the amount of Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, kindly supplied by the Governor of the Bank; and the average bank note circulation of the six banks of issue in Ireland in the month of December since 1880, compiled from the *Dublin Gazette*.

In addition to the tables here mentioned, I have inserted others affording half-yearly comparisons for the past ten years under each of the heads referred to; these half-yearly comparisons tend to correct any false impression which might be caused by information collected at a period of the year when the Christmas trade produces an increased and unusual movement of money.

### 1. *Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks.*

The deposits and cash balances in the Joint Stock Banks, in December, 1889, as shown in Table I., stood at £32,968,000 as compared with £30,979,000 at the same period in the year 1888, thus showing an increase of £1,989,000, following an increase of £1,208,000 at the close of 1888, as compared with the amount for December, 1887, which was £401,000 less than the amount for December, 1886. In Table I. (A) the amounts of deposits and cash balances are compared by half-years: it shows that the increase in December as compared with June occurred as usual; the increase was £1,763,000; as compared with an increase of £669,000 for the corresponding period of 1888.

TABLE I.—Showing amount of Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks, on 31st December, 1871–89, compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.\*

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 31st December,	27,848,000	2,982,000	—
1872,       "	28,732,000	1,384,000	—
1873,       "	29,210,000	478,000	—
1874,       "	31,734,000	2,524,000	—
1875,       "	33,519,000	1,785,000	—
1876,       "	34,240,000	721,000	—
1877,       "	33,050,000	—	1,190,000
1878,       "	31,534,000	—	1,516,000
1879,       "	30,541,000	—	993,000
1880,       "	29,746,000	—	795,000
1881,       "	30,161,000	415,000	—
1882,       "	32,746,000	2,585,000	—
1883,       "	31,340,000	—	1,406,000
1884,       "	30,627,000	—	713,000
1885,       "	29,370,000	—	1,257,000
1886,       "	30,172,000	802,000	—
1887,       "	29,771,000	—	401,000
1888,       "	30,979,000	1,208,000	—
1889,       "	32,968,000	1,989,000	—

\* The names and the dates of foundation of the Banks, the combined statistics of which are included in Tables I. and I. (A.), are as follows :—

Name.	Estab-lished.	Name.	Estab-lished.
Bank of Ireland, . . .	1783.	National Bank, . . .	1835.
Northern Banking Company, . . .	1824.	Ulster Bank, . . .	1836.
Hibernian Bank, . . .	1825.	Royal Bank of Ireland, . .	1836.
Provincial Bank of Ireland, . .	1825.	Munster & Leinster Bank, .	1885.
Belfast Banking Company, . .	1827.		

A concise account of the conditions under which these various Banks were established will be found in Dillon's "History and Development of BANKING IN IRELAND." *Dublin, Alexander Thom & Co.; London, Elfrington, Wilson, & Co., and Blades, East, & Blades; 1889.*

[TABLE I. (A.)

TABLE I. (A)—Showing amount of Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks, in the months of June and December, in the years 1880-89, compiled from Returns furnished by the several Joint Stock Banks in Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 30th June, .	29,350,000	—	1,191,000
„ 31st December,	29,746,000	396,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	28,289,000	—	1,457,000
„ 31st December,	30,161,000	1,872,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	30,667,000	506,000	—
„ 31st December,	32,746,000	2,079,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	31,725,000	—	1,021,000
„ 31st December,	31,340,000	—	385,000
1884, 30th June, .	30,072,000	—	1,268,000
„ 31st December,	30,627,000	555,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	29,240,000	—	1,387,000
„ 31st December,	29,370,000	130,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	29,223,000	—	147,000
„ 31st December,	30,172,000	949,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	29,339,000	—	833,000
„ 31st December,	29,771,000	432,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	30,310,000	539,000	—
„ 31st December,	30,979,000	669,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	31,205,000	226,000	—
„ 31st December,	32,968,000	1,763,000	—

## 2. Savings Banks.

The balances of deposits in Savings Banks consist of two groups—those in the Post Office Savings Banks which are set out in Table II. and those in Trustee Savings Banks, shown in Table III. It will be observed from Table II. that the steady increase in the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks which had been observed at the termination of each previous year still continued at the end of 1889.

In December of that year, the amount in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland stood at £3,462,000, as compared with £3,239,000, for the corresponding period of 1888, being an increase of £223,000.



TABLE II.—Showing Estimated Balances, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 31st December,	745,000	112,000	—
1872,       "	826,000	81,000	—
1873,       "	846,000	20,000	—
1874,       "	914,000	68,000	—
1875,       "	1,008,000	89,000	—
1876,       "	1,124,000	121,000	—
1877,       "	1,257,000	133,000	—
1878,       "	1,326,000	69,000	—
1879,       "	1,417,000	91,000	—
1880,       "	1,556,000	139,000	—
1881,       "	1,723,000	167,000	—
1882,       "	1,925,000	202,000	—
1883,       "	2,052,000	127,000	—
1884,       "	2,224,000	172,000	—
1885,       "	2,438,000	214,000	—
1886,       "	2,703,000	265,000	—
1887,       "	2,932,000	229,000	—
1888,       "	3,239,000	307,000	—
1889,       "	3,462,000	223,000	—

Table II. (A.) shows by half years, since the beginning of 1880, the steady increase in the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks. From this Table it appears that there has been an increase of £90,000 in December, 1889, as compared with June of the same year, being £21,000 less than the increase between June and December of 1888.

[TABLE II. (A).]

TABLE II. (A).—Showing Estimated Balance, at the undermentioned dates, in Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland; compiled from Returns furnished by the Controller, Post Office Savings Bank Department.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 30th June, .	1,481,000	64,000	—
„ 31st December,	1,556,000	75,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	1,645,000	89,000	—
„ 31st December,	1,723,000	78,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	1,832,000	109,000	—
„ 31st December,	1,926,000	94,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	2,002,000	76,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,052,000	50,000	—
1884, 30th June, .	2,150,000	98,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,224,000	74,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	2,325,000	101,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,438,000	113,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	2,592,000	154,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,703,000	111,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	2,802,000	99,000	—
„ 31st December,	2,932,000	130,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	3,128,000	196,000	—
„ 31st December,	3,239,000	111,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	3,372,000	133,000	—
„ 31st December,	3,462,000	90,000	—

Table III. shows the amount of deposits at the end of each year in Trustee Savings Banks.

In December, 1888, these deposits amounted to £2,029,000, and in 1889 to £2,042,000, being an increase of £13,000 or 0·6 per cent.

[TABLE III.

TABLE III.—Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 31st December,	2,208,000	153,000	—
1872,       "	1,964,000	—	244,000
1873,       "	2,075,000	111,000	—
1874,       "	2,092,000	17,000	—
1875,       "	2,044,000	—	48,000
1876,       "	2,153,000	109,000	—
1877,       "	2,220,000	67,000	—
1878,       "	2,160,000	—	60,000
1879,       "	2,098,000	—	62,000
1880,       "	2,079,000	—	19,000
1881,       "	2,042,000	—	37,000
1882,       "	2,078,000	36,000	—
1883,       "	2,060,000	—	18,000
1884,       "	2,097,000	37,000	—
1885,       "	1,981,000	—	116,000
1886,       "	2,007,000	26,000	—
1887,       "	2,043,000	36,000	—
1888,       "	2,029,000	—	14,000
1889,       "	2,042,000	13,000	—

Table III. (A) gives information by half-years from 1880 to 1889 for the Trustee Savings Banks. It will be observed that there has been an increase of £14,000 in the half-year ended December, 1889, following a decrease of £1,000 in the preceding half-year, and an increase of £17,000 for the second half of the year 1888.

TABLE III. (A).—Showing the Balances due to Trustees of Savings Banks in Ireland by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Comptroller-General, National Debt Office, London.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 30th June, .	2,063,000	—	35,000
" 31st December, .	2,079,000	16,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	1,980,000	—	99,000
" 31st December, .	2,042,000	62,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	2,038,000	—	4,000
" 31st December, .	2,078,000	40,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	2,064,000	—	14,000
" 31st December, .	2,060,000	—	4,000
1884, 30th June, .	2,072,000	12,000	—
" 31st December, .	2,097,000	25,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	2,022,000	—	75,000
" 31st December, .	1,981,000	—	41,000
1886, 30th June, .	1,994,000	13,000	—
" 31st December, .	2,007,000	13,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	2,030,000	23,000	—
" 31st December, .	2,043,000	13,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	2,012,000	—	31,000
" 31st December, .	2,029,000	17,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	2,028,000	—	1,000
" 31st December, .	2,042,000	14,000	—

The progress of the accumulation of small savings in Post Office and Trustee Banks in Ireland, is shown in Tables IV. and IV. (A.) From Table IV. it will be seen that there has been a considerable increase in savings,

the total amount in the Savings Banks in Ireland being £5,504,000 in December, 1889, as compared with £5,268,000 for the corresponding period of the year 1888. This is an increase of £236,000, or 4·5 per cent. following an increase of £293,000 in December, 1888, over December, 1887. The increase shown for December, 1888, is the largest recorded in the period covered by the Table.

TABLE IV.—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. and III.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 31st December,	2,953,000	265,000	—
1872, "	2,790,000	—	163,000
1873, "	2,921,000	131,000	—
1874, "	3,006,000	85,000	—
1875, "	3,047,000	41,000	—
1876, "	3,277,000	230,000	—
1877, "	3,477,000	200,000	—
1878, "	3,486,000	9,000	—
1879, "	3,515,000	29,000	—
1880, "	3,635,000	120,000	—
1881, "	3,765,000	130,000	—
1882, "	4,003,000	238,000	—
1883, "	4,112,000	109,000	—
1884, "	4,321,000	209,000	—
1885, "	4,419,000	98,000	—
1886, "	4,710,000	291,000	—
1887, "	4,975,000	265,000	—
1888, "	5,268,000	293,000	—
1889, "	5,504,000	236,000	—

Table IV. (A.) shows the amount of small savings, by half years, for the past ten years, and demonstrates that during that period, except in the half-year ending 30th June, 1881, when there was a slight decrease, the deposits in Savings Banks in Ireland continuously increased.

TABLE IV. (A.)—Showing the Totals of the Balances in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks, given separately in Tables II. (A.) and III. (A.)

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 30th June, .	3,544,000	29,000	—
„ 31st December,	3,635,000	91,000	—
1881, 30th June, .	3,625,000	—	10,000
„ 31st December,	3,765,000	140,000	—
1882, 30th June, .	3,870,000	105,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,004,000	134,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	4,066,000	62,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,112,000	46,000	—
1884, 30th June, .	4,222,000	110,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,321,000	99,000	—
1885, 30th June, .	4,347,000	26,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,419,000	72,000	—
1886, 30th June, .	4,586,000	167,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,710,000	124,000	—
1887, 30th June, .	4,832,000	122,000	—
„ 31st December,	4,975,000	143,000	—
1888, 30th June, .	5,140,000	165,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,368,000	128,000	—
1889, 30th June, .	5,400,000	132,000	—
„ 31st December,	5,504,000	104,000	—

### 3. Investments in Government and India Stocks.

As shown in Table V., the Capital invested in Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland exhibits a decrease when the amount of such investments in December, 1889, is compared with that for December, 1888, the total amount of Stock for December, 1889, being £27,898,000, as compared with £28,669,000 in December, 1888, showing a decrease of £771,000, or 2·7 per cent.

TABLE V.—Showing the Totals of Government and India Stocks held in Ireland at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease.
	£	£	£
1871, 31st December,	37,089,000	540,000	—
1872, "	35,839,000	—	1,250,000
1873, "	34,850,000	—	989,000
1874, "	34,555,000	—	295,000
1875, "	33,729,000	—	826,000
1876, "	33,264,000	—	465,000
1877, "	32,561,000	—	703,000
1878, "	31,837,000	—	724,000
1879, "	32,440,000	603,000	—
1880, "	32,395,000	—	45,000
1881, "	31,611,000	—	784,000
1882, "	31,804,000	193,000	—
1883, "	30,942,000	—	862,000
1884, "	30,537,000	—	405,000
1885, "	29,689,000	—	848,000
1886, "	30,080,000	391,000	—
1887, "	29,839,000	—	241,000
1888, "	28,669,000*	—	1,170,000*
1889, "	27,898,000†	—	771,000†

Table V. (A), made up by half-years, shows that there has been a decrease amounting to £321,000 in December, 1889, as compared with the close of the previous half-year.

\* India 4 per cent. Stock ceased to bear interest on the 5th October, 1888, and was paid off.

† Reduced 3 per cent. Stock and 3 per cent. Consols ceased to bear interest on the 5th July, 1889.

£11,058 Reduced 3 per cent. and £333,744 12s. 8d. 3 per cent. Consols were paid off.

£6,473 16s. 2d. Reduced 3 per cent. and £189,343 8s. 6d. 3 per cent. Consols, which were unredeemed on the 1st of October, 1889, were converted into 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock.

[TABLE V. (A)]

TABLE V. (A)—Showing the Totals of Government and India Stocks held in Ireland at the undermentioned dates; compiled from Returns furnished by the Governor of the Bank of Ireland.

DATE.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, 30th June, .	33,113,000	673,000	—
„ 31st December,	32,395,000	—	718,000
1881, 30th June, .	32,439,000	44,000	—
„ 31st December,	31,611,000	—	828,000
1882, 30th June, .	31,772,000	161,000	—
„ 31st December,	31,804,000	32,000	—
1883, 30th June, .	31,532,000	—	272,000
„ 31st December,	30,942,000	—	590,000
1884, 30th June, .	30,859,000	—	83,000
„ 31st December,	30,537,000	—	322,000
1885, 30th June, .	30,900,000	363,000	—
„ 31st December,	29,689,000	—	1,211,000
1886, 30th June, .	30,484,000	795,000	—
„ 31st December,	30,080,000	—	404,000
1887, 30th June, .	30,779,000	699,000	—
„ 31st December,	29,839,000	—	940,000
1888, 30th June, .	28,856,000	—	983,000
„ 31st December,	28,669,000*	—	187,000*
1889, 30th June, .	28,219,000	—	450,000
„ 31st December,	27,898,000†	—	321,000†

#### 4. Bank Note Circulation.

Dealing with the Bank Note circulation in a manner similar to that adopted with regard to the question of deposits and cash balances, it will be seen by Table VI. that there has been an increase of £381,000 in the circulation as compared with the year 1888, the value having risen from £6,709,000 in December, 1888, to £7,090,000 at the corresponding period of 1889, or at the rate of 5·7 per cent.

\* See \* and † notes on page 15.

[TABLE VI.]



TABLE VI.—Showing the Average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland in December; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.\*

PERIODS.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.	Yearly Decrease
	£	£	£
1880, December, .	7,048,000	764,000	—
1881, " .	7,476,000	428,000	—
1882, " .	8,334,000	858,000	—
1883, " .	7,235,000	—	1,099,000
1884, " .	6,748,000	—	487,000
1885, " .	6,484,000	—	264,000
1886, " .	6,359,000	—	125,000
1887, " .	5,964,000	—	395,000
1888, " .	6,709,000	745,000	—
1889, " .	7,090,000	381,000	—

If Table VI. (A.) be examined it will be observed that the usual increase of note circulation in December, as compared with June, took place in the year 1889, the increase on this occasion amounting to £575,000.

\* There are six Banks in Ireland authorized to issue Notes, the statistics of which are included in this table. The total authorized issue of Notes for these Banks is £6,354,494. Their average issue for the ten years ending with 1883 (according to tables accompanying Lochrane's Banker's and Merchant's Map of Ireland), was £6,891,866, and the average amount of gold and silver held by them was £2,957,830.

TABLE VI. (A).—Showing the Average Bank Note Circulation of the Six Banks of Issue in Ireland, in the months of June and December of the years 1880-89; compiled from Accounts published by the Registrar of Bank Returns, pursuant to the Act 8 & 9 Vic., cap. 37.\*

PERIODS.	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£
1880, June, .	5,932,000	—	352,000
" December, .	7,048,000	1,116,000	—
1881, June, .	6,445,000	—	603,000
" December, .	7,476,000	1,031,000	—
1882, June, .	7,097,000	—	379,000
" December, .	8,334,000	1,237,000	—
1883, June, .	6,746,000	—	1,588,000
" December, .	7,235,000	489,000	—
1884, June, .	6,240,000	—	995,000
" December, .	6,748,000	508,000	—
1885, June, .	5,710,000	—	1,038,000
" December, .	6,484,000	774,000	—
1886, June, .	5,726,000	—	758,000
" December, .	6,359,000	633,000	—
1887, June, .	5,681,000	—	678,000
" December, .	5,964,000	283,000	—
1888, June, .	5,758,000	—	206,000
" December, .	6,709,000	951,000	—
1889, June, .	6,515,000	—	194,000
" December, .	7,080,000	575,000	—

\* See note, p. 17.

The results of the analysis of the foregoing tables are :—

- 1st. That in December, 1889, there was an increase of Deposits and Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks as compared with the corresponding period in 1888, amounting to £1,989,000, or 6·4 per cent.
- 2nd. That there was an increase of £1,763,000 in Deposits and Cash Balances in the Irish Joint Stock Banks in December, 1889, as compared with June, 1889.
- 3rd. That there was a net increase in the Deposits in Savings Banks in Ireland in December, 1889, as compared with the same period of

1888, amounting to £236,000, or 4·5 per cent., there having been an increase of £223,000 in the sum in the Post Office Savings Banks, and an increase of £13,000 in the amount in the Trustee Banks.

- 4th. That there was an increase of £104,000 in the Deposits in Savings Banks in December, 1889, as compared with the amount for June in that year.
- 5th. That there was a decrease in the amount of Government and India Stocks,\* on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, of £771,000, in December, 1889, as compared with the same period of 1888.
- 6th. That in December, 1889, there was a diminution of £321,000 in the amount of Government and India Stocks, on which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland, as compared with June of the same year.
- 7th. That in December, 1889, there was an increase of £381,000 in the amount of Bank Note circulation, as compared with the corresponding period of 1888.
- 8th. That there was an increase of Bank Note circulation to the amount of £575,000 in December, 1889, as compared with June of the same year.

### *Railway Statistics.*

Table VII., compiled from Returns furnished by the authorities of the several Companies, gives the receipts of Irish Railways week by week for the year 1889, compared with those for 1888.

A review of the weekly traffic returns shows that, with but seven exceptions, the receipts for each week exceeded those for the corresponding week of the year

\* See notes on page 15.

1888, and that in the only instance in which the decrease was considerable, namely, the fourteenth week (ended April 5th), the falling off is due to the week coming into comparison with the Easter week of 1888. The receipts for Easter week, 1889, were much in excess of those for Easter week in the preceding year. The total receipts for the year 1889 amounted to £2,978,651, as compared with £2,847,377 for 1888, and forming the highest annual amount on record for the Railways of Ireland.

Table VIII. gives some of the principal statistics for Irish Railways during the ten years 1879-88, for comparison with the aggregate figures at foot of Table VII. for 1888-9.

The figures in Table VIII. show the revised amounts as given in the reports of the Board of Trade. The unrevised receipts compiled from the weekly returns furnished to me by the Railway Companies are slightly in excess of the revised amounts, apparently owing to their including some miscellaneous items which do not properly come within the term, "traffic receipts"; the difference, however, is small in proportion to the total amount.

As already stated, the aggregate receipts for the year 1889, according to the unrevised numbers, amounted to £2,978,651; this sum probably exceeds the revised amount by some £20,000, but after making this allowance and comparing the reduced amount with the figures in Table VIII., it shows an excess over all previous years.

[Continued on p. 22.]

TABLE VIII.—RAILWAY TRAFFIC STATISTICS, IRELAND, 1873-88.

Years.	Length of Lines open.	Number of Passengers.	RECEIPTS.					
			Passenger Traffic and Mails.	Goods Traffic.	Total.	Annual Income.	Annual Expenditure.	Average per Mile.
			£	£	£	£	£	£
1873	2,385	16,424,000	1,360,000	1,212,000	2,572,000	—	114,000	1,130
1874	2,379	17,282,000	1,442,000	1,120,000	2,562,000	80,000	—	1,134
1881	2,441	17,628,000	1,425,000	1,176,000	2,601,000	—	42,000	1,084
1882	2,448	18,747,000	1,488,000	1,288,000	2,776,000	129,000	—	1,125
1883	2,509	19,206,000	1,519,000	1,292,000	2,811,000	42,000	—	1,129
1884	2,528	19,877,000	1,514,000	1,272,000	2,786,000	—	20,000	1,103
1885	2,573	19,128,000	1,510,000	1,248,000	2,758,000	—	27,000	1,073
1886	2,618	18,646,000	1,481,000	1,226,000	2,707,000	—	8,000	1,053
1887	2,639	19,355,000	1,501,000	1,275,000	2,780,000	29,000	—	1,061
1888	2,630	19,282,000	1,509,000	1,296,000	2,800,000	60,000	—	1,080

In conclusion, I have to return my thanks to the Authorities of the various Joint Stock Banks of Ireland, and of the Post Office Savings Bank Department; the Comptroller-General of the National Debt Office; the Governor of the Bank of Ireland, and the Chairmen and Directors of the several Railway Companies, for the valuable information which they so promptly afforded in connexion with the compilation of these statistics for your Excellency.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servant,

THOMAS W. GRIMSHAW,  
*Registrar-General.*

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
CHARLEMONT HOUSE,  
*Dublin, 1st February, 1890.*

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## TABLE VII.—COMPARATIVE RETURN OF WEEKLY RAILWAY RECEIPTS IN IRELAND FOR THE YEARS 1888-9.

No. of Week in 1888-89	Name of Railway	Term of Receipts (1888)	Receipts for Week.						Misc. accs.		Receipts for Mts.		Amounts Received in Daily Receipts for Week.											
			Total.		Increase in 1889 as compared with 1888.		Decrease in 1889 as compared with 1888.						Total.		Increase in 1889 as compared with 1888.		Decrease in 1889 as compared with 1888.							
			1888.	1889.	Total.	Per Cent.	Total.	Per Cent.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	1888.	1889.	Total.	Per cent.	Total.	Per cent.	1888.	1889.				
		<i>Friday.</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£						
1 <sup>st</sup>	January	6	63,409	64,809	1,109	3.7	—	—	5,339	5,339	37-9	37-9	45,609	44,509	1,109	3.7	—	—						
2	"	13	65,201	66,094	893	1.2	—	—	5,375	5,375	38-1	38-1	50,701	50,454	247	0.4	—	—						
3	"	20	65,309	66,591	—	—	641	1.4	—	—	38-5	38-5	124,319	126,011	1,692	1.3	—	—						
4	"	27	64,709	67,209	2,500	3.1	—	—	—	—	38-7	38-7	174	181,017	180,017	1,000	0.5	—						
5	February	3	66,811	68,017	1,565	2.0	—	—	—	—	38-8	38-8	258,129	252,019	6,110	2.4	—	—						
6	"	8	65,211	66,436	1,165	1.4	—	—	—	—	38-9	38-9	303,719	301,109	2,610	0.8	—	—						
7	"	15	63,719	66,413	2,694	3.4	—	—	—	—	39-0	39-0	315,489	310,019	5,470	1.7	—	—						
8	"	22	62,309	67,309	5,000	7.3	—	—	—	—	39-1	39-1	380,009	375,019	4,990	1.3	—	—						
9	March	1	63,501	64,009	508	0.5	—	—	—	—	39-2	39-2	406,101	412,101	6,000	1.4	—	—						
10	"	8	65,809	66,019	210	0.4	—	—	—	—	39-3	39-3	456,009	451,019	4,990	1.0	—	—						
11	"	15	66,319	66,019	300	0.4	—	—	—	—	39-4	39-4	501,009	500,019	990	0.2	—	—						
12	"	22	65,201	66,201	1,000	1.2	—	—	—	—	39-5	39-5	540,009	541,019	1,010	0.2	—	—						
13	"	29	65,249	66,210	961	1.1	—	—	—	—	39-6	39-6	604,002	606,010	2,008	0.3	—	—						
14	April	5	66,119	66,709	—	—	1,309	2.4	—	—	39-7	39-7	685,085	681,019	4,066	0.5	—	—						
15	"	12	66,619	67,009	—	—	400	0.7	—	—	39-8	39-8	705,019	706,019	1,000	0.1	—	—						
16	"	19	66,809	67,311	502	0.5	—	—	—	—	39-9	39-9	760,415	760,019	394	0.0	—	—						
17	"	26	66,509	67,211	702	1.0	—	—	—	—	39-0	39-0	814,000	815,010	1,010	0.1	—	—						
18	May	3	66,319	66,809	490	0.7	—	—	—	—	39-1	39-1	871,100	868,010	3,090	0.3	—	—						
19	"	10	66,301	66,807	506	0.5	—	—	—	—	39-2	39-2	927,410	925,010	2,400	0.2	—	—						
20	"	17	66,319	66,311	80	0.1	—	—	—	—	39-3	39-3	980,781	980,010	771	0.0	—	—						
21	"	24	66,709	66,611	—	—	104	0.1	—	—	39-4	39-4	1,037,009	1,036,010	999	0.0	—	—						
22	"	31	66,619	66,309	310	0.4	—	—	—	—	39-5	39-5	1,090,617	1,088,010	2,607	0.2	—	—						
23	June	7	66,579	66,711	132	0.1	—	—	—	—	39-6	39-6	1,147,009	1,145,010	1,999	0.1	—	—						
24	"	14	66,611	66,709	98	0.1	—	—	—	—	39-7	39-7	1,202,813	1,201,708	1,105	0.0	—	—						
25	"	21	66,809	66,811	2	0.0	—	—	—	—	39-8	39-8	1,254,010	1,253,010	1,000	0.0	—	—						
26	"	28	66,609	66,809	200	0.2	—	—	—	—	39-9	39-9	1,310,877	1,309,800	1,077	0.0	—	—						
27	July	5	66,609	67,309	700	1.0	—	—	6,882	6,882	40-0	40-0	1,320,807	1,319,800	1,007	0.0	—	—						
28	"	12	66,514	67,304	790	1.1	—	—	—	—	40-0	40-0	1,387,041	1,385,104	1,937	0.1	—	—						
29	"	19	66,506	67,300	794	1.1	—	—	—	—	40-1	40-1	1,442,008	1,440,008	1,999	0.1	—	—						
30	"	26	66,576	67,200	624	0.9	—	—	—	—	40-2	40-2	1,498,336	1,496,000	2,336	0.1	—	—						
31	August	2	66,660	67,200	540	0.8	—	—	—	—	40-3	40-3	1,554,009	1,552,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
32	"	9	66,460	67,200	740	1.0	—	—	—	—	40-4	40-4	1,610,009	1,608,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
33	"	16	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	40-5	40-5	1,666,009	1,664,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
34	"	23	66,709	67,200	490	0.7	—	—	—	—	40-6	40-6	1,722,009	1,720,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
35	September	6	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	40-7	40-7	1,778,009	1,776,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
36	"	13	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	40-8	40-8	1,834,009	1,832,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
37	"	20	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	40-9	40-9	1,890,009	1,888,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
38	"	27	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-0	41-0	1,946,009	1,944,000	2,009	0.1	—	—						
39	October	4	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-1	41-1	2,002,009	1,999,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
40	"	11	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-2	41-2	2,058,009	2,055,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
41	"	18	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-3	41-3	2,114,009	2,111,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
42	"	25	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-4	41-4	2,170,009	2,167,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
43	November	1	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-5	41-5	2,226,009	2,223,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
44	"	8	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-6	41-6	2,282,009	2,279,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
45	"	15	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-7	41-7	2,338,009	2,335,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
46	"	22	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-8	41-8	2,394,009	2,391,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
47	"	29	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	41-9	41-9	2,450,009	2,447,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
48	December	6	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-0	42-0	2,506,009	2,503,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
49	"	13	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-1	42-1	2,562,009	2,559,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
50	"	20	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-2	42-2	2,618,009	2,615,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
51	"	27	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-3	42-3	2,674,009	2,671,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
52	January	4	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-4	42-4	2,730,009	2,727,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
53	"	11	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-5	42-5	2,786,009	2,783,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
54	"	18	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-6	42-6	2,842,009	2,839,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
55	"	25	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-7	42-7	2,898,009	2,895,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
56	February	1	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-8	42-8	2,954,009	2,951,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
57	"	8	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	42-9	42-9	3,010,009	3,007,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
58	"	15	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-0	43-0	3,066,009	3,063,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
59	"	22	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-1	43-1	3,122,009	3,119,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
60	"	29	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-2	43-2	3,178,009	3,175,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
61	March	6	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-3	43-3	3,234,009	3,231,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
62	"	13	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-4	43-4	3,290,009	3,287,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
63	"	20	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-5	43-5	3,346,009	3,343,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
64	"	27	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-6	43-6	3,402,009	3,399,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
65	April	4	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-7	43-7	3,458,009	3,455,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
66	"	11	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-8	43-8	3,514,009	3,511,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
67	"	18	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	43-9	43-9	3,570,009	3,567,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
68	"	25	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-0	44-0	3,626,009	3,623,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
69	May	2	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-1	44-1	3,682,009	3,679,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
70	"	9	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-2	44-2	3,738,009	3,735,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
71	"	16	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-3	44-3	3,794,009	3,791,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
72	"	23	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-4	44-4	3,850,009	3,847,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
73	"	30	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-5	44-5	3,906,009	3,903,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
74	June	7	66,509	67,200	690	1.0	—	—	—	—	44-6	44-6	3,962,009	3,959,000	3,009	0.1	—	—						
75	"																							

\* Owing to the closing of Accounts at the end of the Calendar half-year, the amounts returned for the 1st, 10th, 20th, and 31st weeks, respectively, by some of the Railways do not in all cases represent the receipts for those days.

† Excludes of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway.

‡ Including the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway receipts for 11 days.

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Dublin Castle,

12th February, 1890.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, forwarding for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the Report on the Banking and Railway Statistics for the half year ended 31st December last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WEST RIDGEWAY.

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